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SUBJECT:GLIGOROV VISIT, TITO VISIT, OTHER MATTERS

1. SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST ON DECEMBER 21 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE GLIGOROV AND TITO VISITS, HE ALSO MENTIONED BRIEFLY THE RESOLUTION OF THE OVERFLIGHT QUESTION, USG TREATMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA AS AN "EASTERN" EUROPEAN COUNTRY AND THIS WEEK'S KRSKO TALKS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON THE GLIGOROV VISIT,BELOVSKI SAID THAT GLIGOROV WISHED TO LIMIT THE TRIP TO FIVE DAYS IN THE US, INCLUDING THREE IN WASHINGTON. HE HAD NO WORD ON THE NUMBER OR COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION, BUT SPECULATED
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THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY INCLUDE ABOUT EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY,MRS. GLIGOROV AND VARIOUS STAFF AND SECURITY PERSONNEL FOR A TOTAL OF NOT LESS THAN 15. BELOVSKI ALSO SAID THAT THE YUGOSLAVS WOULD "PROBABLY" COME BY SPECIAL PLANE BUT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR INTERNAL US TRAVEL (COMMENT: THIS LAST POINT WAS NOT EXPLAINED OR DISCUSSED END COMMENT.)

3. HIRC STAFFER PETER ABBRUZZESE PRESENTED A REVISED
DRAFT SCHEDULE WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS

(ALL ITEMS STILL TENTATIVE):

JANUARY 30:

AFTERNOON - ARRIVE, MET BY US OFFICIALS INCLUDING
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. VISIT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY,
WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY (IF TIME PERMITS, OTHERWISE ON
ANOTHER DAY).

EVENING: NO FUNCTION PLANNED.

JANUARY 31:

MORNING - 9-12, WORKING MEETING WITH LEADERS OF HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES.

LUNCH - UNCERTAIN

AFTERNOON - TOUR CAPITOL, VISIT SENATE (OR HOUSE)
GALLERIES TO OBSERVE DEBATE.

EVENING - RECEPTION/DINNER HOSTED BY SPEAKER O'NEILL.

FEBRUARY 1:

MORNING - MEET AT WHITE HOUSE WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE.

TOUR WHITE HOUSE, VISIT SMITHSONIAN.

LUNCHEON/MEETING HOSTED BY SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE.

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AFTERNOON - CALL ON SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE, FOLLOWED
BY WORKING MEETING CHAIRED BY A SENIOR DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL.

EVENING - FUNCTION HOSTED BY YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR.

FEBRUARY 2:

NO DRAFT SCHEDULE. SEPARATE MEETINGS TO BE ARRANGED
WITH APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATION
OFFICIALS (E.G. CEA CHAIRMAN SHULTZ, STR STRAUSS)
EVENING - (OR MORNING OF FEBRUARY 3) DEPART WASHINGTON
FOR ATLANTA.

4. BELOVSKI SUGGESTED (AND WE AGREED) THAT IF GLIGOROV
INSISTS ON ONLY FIVE DAYS THAT ATLANTA BE THE ONLY OUT-
OF-TOWN STOP. IF ANOTHER DAY CAN BE ADDED, HE SUGGESTED
ADDING CHICAGO, WHERE GLIGOROV COULD MEET WITH REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF THE YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. IF GLIGOROV
IS WILLING TO STAY LONGER, BELOVSKI SUGGESTED ADDING
SAN FRANCISCO (WITH A POSSIBLE STOP ENROUTE FROM
ATLANTA AT GRAND CANYON). BELOVSKI SAID HE WOULD ARGUE
FOR THE LATTER, BUT WANTED TO HAVE FALL-BACK SUGGESTIONS.

5. BELOVSKI ALSO PUSHED HARD FOR A COURTESY CALL BY GLIGOROV ON THE PRESIDENT, STRESSING GLIGOROV'S IMPORTANCE AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH A CALL FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

6. ON THE TITO VISIT, BELOVSKI RUMINATED ABOUT HAVING TITO VISIT ONLY WASHINGTON. HE MENTIONED (AS ALWAYS) TITO'S "UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE" IN NEW YORK IN 1963 AND NOTED THAT US AUTHORITIES COULD CONTROL SECURITY MORE EFFECTIVELY IN WASHINGTON THAN ELSEWHERE. HE SAID THAT TITO HAD BEEN OFFERED AN HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, BUT HE FELT NEW YORK WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT TITO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS, BUT WE SAID CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT THE CONGRESS HAD ELIMINATED THIS PRACTICE LAST YEAR. WE ALSO INDICATED THAT WHILE THE DECISION ON WHETHER TITO GOES ONLY TO WASHINGTON WAS OBVIOUSLY UP TO THE YUGOSLAVS, WE WERE QUITE PREPARED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A FULL STATE VISIT, INCLUDING TRAVEL ELSEWHERE IN THE US AND ADEQUATE TIME FOR REST.

7. ON OTHER MATTERS, BELOVSKI COMPLAINED (AS ALWAYS) ABOUT US TREATMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA AS AN "EASTERN" EUROPEAN COUNTRY. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE CITED THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE CSCE COMMISSION. HE NOTED THAT THE REPORT HAD ONLY ONE SENTENCE ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA AND THAT IT WAS NOT BOTHERSOME IN ITSELF. BUT IT WAS INCLUDED IN THE EASTERN EUROPEAN PORTION. HE SAID "YOU ARE FORCING US INTO THIS AGAINST OUR WILL AND AGAINST YOUR OWN INTERESTS." ANOTHER SIMILAR COMPLAINT STEMMED FROM A LETTER TO BELOVSKI FROM CONGRESSMAN FRASER ATTACHING THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON IMPRISONED PARLIAMENTARIANS. THE ONLY YUGOSLAV MENTIONED WAS BRKIC, AND BELOVSKI FOUND IT AMUSING THAT A US CONGRESSMAN WAS CONCERNED ABOUT SOMEONE WHO WAS IN TROUBLE FOR BEING PRO-SOVIET. HE WAS INCLINED TO WRITE FRASER A SARCASTIC ANSWER, BUT WE SUGGESTED THAT HE SIMPLY STATE THE FACTS OF THE CASE IN A BLAND, STRAIGHT-FORWARD REPLY.

8. ON THE KRSKO TALKS, BELOVSKI ASKED FOR A "POLITICAL RESOLUTION" OF THE FUEL LICENSE ISSUE AND SAID THAT IF FINAL AGREEMENT WAS NOT POSSIBLE BY THE TIME OF TITO'S VISIT, WE SHOULD WORK UP A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE TO SIGN. WE REPLIED THAT THE BASIC PROBLEM CONCERNED OUR LEGISLATION ON THE SUBJECT WHICH HAD NOT YET PASSED BOTH HOUSES. FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT PASSAGE CONFIDENTIAL

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OF THE LEGISLATION, BUT WE WERE HOPEFUL THAT THE MATTER
COULD BE RESOLVED BY THE TIME OF TITO'S VISIT. BOTH
SIDES AGREED THAT THE TALKS THIS WEEK HAD BEEN USEFUL. VANCE

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